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POSTING OF DOCTORS IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has worked out the modalities for the postings of doctors in rural areas as per the recommendations of Sambasiva Rao Committee;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the number of doctors posted in rural areas in the current academic session, Statewise;

(d) the extent to which the issue of availability of doctors in rural areas has been solved thereafter; and

(e) the details of the steps taken by the Government to improve the health services in the rural areas of the country expeditiously?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) to (e) The Sambasiva Rao Committee had recommended that one year rural posting may be made mandatory for the MBBS doctors desirous of pursuing Postgraduate Medical Degree courses. While the Central Government has not made the rural posting mandatory to pursue Postgraduate Medical Degree courses, the following Medical Council of India's Post Graduate Medical Education Regulations have been amended to encourage doctors to serve in the rural areas:

i. 50% reservation in Post Graduate Diploma Courses for Medical Officers in the Government service who have served for at least three years in remote and difficult areas; and

ii. Incentive at the rate of 10% of the marks obtained for each year in service in remote or difficult areas upto the maximum of 30% of the marks obtained in the entrance test for admissions in Post Graduate Medical Courses.